



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on No Committee

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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES FOR THE
SEPTEMBER 29 SPECIAL SESSION, 2020.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 That the joint rules of this Special Session shall be the same as the joint
2 rules in force at the 2020 regular session, except as said rules are
3 amended, altered or repealed in this resolution.

4 Strike out Rule 3 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

5 3. There shall be one joint standing committee: A committee on
6 judiciary, which shall consist of the same members, and have the same
7 chairpersons, and the same cognizance of judicial nominations, as the
8 committee had under the joint rules in force at the 2020 regular session.

9 Strike out Rules 4, 5 and 6.

10 Strike out Rule 7 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

11 BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS GENERALLY

12 7. (a) Only bills and substantive resolutions concerning the
13 appointment of judges as specified in the two-page Proclamation by the
14 Governor, dated September 25, 2020, convening the General Assembly
15 in Special Session no earlier than September 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., shall
16 be received.

17 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare all bills and
18 resolutions. When a bill or resolution has been prepared by the
19 Legislative Commissioners' Office and signed by the Speaker and
20 President Pro Tempore, the bill or resolution shall immediately be given
21 to the clerk of the Senate or the House as designated. Before or at the
22 time the bill or resolution is given to the clerk, the Legislative
23 Commissioners' Office shall provide to the Office of Fiscal Analysis
24 copies of each bill or resolution to prepare a fiscal note if required by
25 Rule 15 of the joint rules.

26 (c) Each bill and resolution shall be printed, without interlineation or
27 erasure. The duplicate copies of each bill or resolution shall be made on
28 yellow-colored and blue-colored paper, respectively, of the same size
29 and format as the original.

30 (d) Each bill amending any statute or special act shall set forth in full
31 the section or subsection of the statute or the special act to be amended.
32 Matter to be omitted or repealed shall be surrounded by brackets or
33 overstricken so that the omitted or repealed matter remains readable,
34 and new matter shall be indicated by capitalization or underscoring of
35 all words in the original bill and by capitalization, underscoring or
36 italics in its printed form. In the case of a section or subsection not
37 amending an existing section of the general statutes but intended to be
38 part of the general statutes, the section or subsection may be in upper
39 and lower case letters preceded by the word (NEW).

40 (e) Each bill and resolution shall be transmitted, in triplicate, by the
41 Legislative Commissioners' Office to the clerks of the House or Senate.

42 (f) The clerks shall number each bill and resolution.

43 (g) The clerks shall certify and keep on file a duplicate copy of each
44 bill and resolution. The certified duplicate copy shall remain at all times
45 in the clerk's office. If the original cannot be located, a copy of such
46 certified duplicate copy shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu of
47 the original.

48 (h) The clerk shall make a notation on the certified duplicate copy of
49 all action taken on the original.

50 (i) Any member of the General Assembly may co-sponsor a bill or
51 resolution by making a request in writing after it has been filed, to the
52 clerk of the chamber in which the bill or resolution has been filed to add
53 his or her name as a co-sponsor of the bill or resolution, but not later
54 than the date of the signing of the bill, or the deadline for the signing of
55 the bill, by the Governor, whichever is earlier, or the adoption of the
56 resolution.

57 (j) After introduction no bill or resolution shall be altered except by
58 the legislative commissioners.

59 Strike out Rule 8.

60 Strike out Rule 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

61 EMERGENCY CERTIFIED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

62 9. Only bills and substantive resolutions certified by the Speaker and
63 President Pro Tempore in accordance with section 2-26 of the general
64 statutes, including substantive resolutions to appoint judges to the
65 Superior Court, Appellate Court and Supreme Court, may be
66 introduced. Bills and resolutions so certified by the Speaker and the
67 President Pro Tempore shall be identified as "bills" or "resolutions".

68 Strike out Rules 10, 11 and 13.

69 Strike out Rule 14 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

70 TRANSMITTAL BETWEEN HOUSES

71 14. Upon passage in the first house, the bill or resolution shall be
72 transmitted immediately to the second house, except that, during a
73 declaration of a public health or civil preparedness emergency by the
74 Governor, the bill or resolution may be transmitted at a later time on
75 request of the second house.

76 Strike out Rule 15 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

77 15. (a) The committee on judiciary shall report favorably or
78 unfavorably on each judicial nomination referred to it by the clerks of
79 the House or Senate. Prior to making its report, the committee on
80 judiciary may, after notice, hold a hearing on such nomination. The
81 committee's report shall be submitted forthwith to the clerks of the
82 House and Senate.

83 (b) Any bill or substantive resolution which if passed or adopted,
84 would affect state or municipal revenue, or would require the
85 expenditure of state or municipal funds, shall have a fiscal note
86 attached. Any fiscal note printed with or prepared for a bill or resolution
87 shall be solely for the purpose of information, summarization and
88 explanation for members of the General Assembly and shall not be
89 construed to represent the intent of the General Assembly or either
90 chamber thereof for any purpose. Each such fiscal note shall bear the
91 following disclaimer: "The following Fiscal Impact Statement is
92 prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely
93 for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and does
94 not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber
95 thereof for any purpose." When an amendment is offered to a bill or
96 resolution in the House or the Senate, which, if adopted, would require
97 the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal
98 revenue, a fiscal note shall be available at the time the amendment is
99 offered. Any fiscal note prepared for such an amendment shall be
100 construed in accordance with the provisions of this rule and shall bear
101 the disclaimer required under this rule.

102 Strike out Rule 16 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

103 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS READINGS**

104 16. First reading of a bill or resolution shall be by title and number.
105 Second reading shall be passage or rejection of the bill or resolution.

106 Strike out Rule 17 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

107 17. (a) Each bill or substantive resolution may be acted upon
108 immediately. No bill or substantive resolution may be acted upon unless
109 it is accompanied by a fiscal note.

110 (b) Each bill and substantive resolution shall be voted upon by a roll
111 call vote. A bill or resolution, certified in accordance with section 2-26 of
112 the general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and
113 acted upon first by the Senate with the consent of the Speaker; and if
114 filed in the Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the
115 House with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

116 Strike out Rules 18 and 19.

117 Strike out Rule 28 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

118 28. (a) If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity
119 in or about the State Capitol or the Legislative Office Building or the
120 grounds thereof which, in the opinion of the President Pro Tempore and
121 the Speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the business of the
122 General Assembly or any of its committees, they may take whatever
123 action they deem necessary to preserve and restore order.

124 (b) During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness
125 emergency by the Governor, which, in the opinion of the President Pro
126 Tempore and the Speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the
127 business of the General Assembly or any of its committees, they may
128 take whatever action they deem necessary to preserve public health and
129 maintain order. Such action may include prohibiting access to the Hall

130 of the House, the Senate, or the State Capitol or Legislative Office
131 Building, except for the members, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
132 Secretary of the State, authorized staff of the legislative, executive and
133 judicial departments, authorized telecommunications personnel and
134 authorized or credentialed members of the media.

135 Strike out Rule 30 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

136 30. (a) *Smoking*. No person shall smoke in the State Capitol or
137 Legislative Office Building.

138 (b) *Nonpartisan Offices*. Lobbyists shall be prohibited from the
139 Legislative Commissioners' Office, the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the
140 Office of Legislative Research.

141 Strike out Rules 31, 32 and 34.

142 Add a new Rule 36 as follows:

143 36. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 2-40
144 of the general statutes, substantive resolutions confirming judicial
145 nominations may be introduced subject to the provisions of Rule 9.